vided post-Matric scholarships by Government in the State of Madhya Pardesh during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Madhya Pradesh to increase the funds allocation to the State for providing post-Matric scolarships in the State; and

(c) if so., the details therof and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Under the centrally sponsored scheme of Post-Matric scolarship for SC and ST students, the number of SC and ST students, the number of awarded Post-Matric scholarship during 1992.93, 1993.94 and 1994.95 is as below:—

Year	No. of awarded scholarship SC/ST students Post-matric
1992-93	1,22,533
1993-94	1,36,831
1994-95	1,44,956 (anticipated)

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (Deptt. of Education), is fundng the National Scholarsaip Scheme to brilliant students awarded on merit-cum-means basis for Post-Matric studies. The number of awards given to the State of Madhya Pradesh during 1992-93 to 1994-95 is 2484 per year.

Government of India do not have any scheme of Post-matric scholarship for the students of OBC category.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Allocation for tribal sub-plan in Madhya Pradesh

6714. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the allocations made by Government in the current financial year to State of Madhya Pradesh under Tribal sub-plan; and

(b) how much tribal population is likely to be covered under the said plans in the State?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) The tentative allocation of Special Central Assistance to the Tribal sub-plan of the State of Madhya Pradesh for 1995-96 comes to Rs. 80.95 crores. while the tentative allocation for grants under first proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution is Rs. 16.87 crores for the current financial year. The final releases would depend upon a variety of factors, such as, submission of utilization certificates and progress reports by the state Govt.

As regards different Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Tribal development, the allocations would depend upon the proposals received from the State Government the provision made by the State Government in their own Budget towards

matching shares utilization certificates and progress reports submitted by the State Government etc.

(b) The Tribal population to be covered under different Schemes under the Tribal sub-plan in the State of Madhya Pradesh will depend under the Tribal sub-plan in the different Schemes as mentioned in reply to part (a) of the Question. However, the tentative target under Point 11(b) of the 20 Point Programme for providing economic assistance to Scheduled Tribe families during the current financial year is 2,45,000.

Closure of blind school

6715. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to avoid the closure of the blind school at Gurgaon for the want of grant-in-aid; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme of 'Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Establishment of Special Schools, the Ministry of Welfare has released grant-in-aid of Rs. 72,173/- (Rs. 12,458/- (recurring) Rs. 59,715/- (non-recurring) to the organisation. All India Confederation of the Blind', Gurgaon for running a Special School for the Blind.

Setting of National Institute of rehabilitation training and resarch

6716. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of National Institutes of Rehabilitation Training and Research set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether the employees of these institutes are entitled to get pension, GPF and other benefits;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not getting these facilities at Olatpur, Orissa; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to get these facilities equally?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research does not have any branch.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The issue of GPF-cum-Pension has been resolved and it has been decided that the Institute (NIRTAR) may adopt the GPF-cum-Pension Scheme as applicable to the Central Government Employees provided one of the following options is satisfied;

(i) An adequate corpus is created based on acturial calculations,

(ii) To approach LIC for a suitable annuity scheme; and

(iii) To joint the EPFO pension scheme.